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SUBJECT: ANTI-CHIANG CHING SIGNS IN TIEN AN MEN

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1. BRITISH REPORTS IN PEKING OF THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE TIEN AN MEN RIOTS INDICATE THAT ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE MEMORIALS WERE DEDICATED TO CHOU, THERE WERE ENOUGH TO MAO'S FORMER WIFE YANG KAI-HUI TO GIVE THE EVENTS AN ANTI-CHIANG CHING FLAVOR. ONE MESSAGE TAKEN DOWN MUCH EARLIER THAN MOST, OVERNIGHT APRIL 2/3, STATED : "IF THERE ARE EVIL SPIRITS WHO SPIT FORTH POISONOUS FIRE/THEN OF COURSE THERE WILL BE PEOPLE WHO SEIZE THE SPIRITS AND STRIKE DOWN THE GHOSTS."

THE BRITISH NOTE THAT THE CHARACTER FOR "SPIRITS" IN THE
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LAST LINE HAS A FEMININE CONNOTATION, IS PRONOUNCED

"YAO," AND CAN READILY BE INTERPRETED AS A REFERENCE TO CHIANG CHING AND YAO WEN-YUAN. IN ADDITION, THE BRITISH HEARD ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE RIOTS, APRIL 5, CROWDS IN TIEN AN MEN SQUARE CHANTING THE NAME OF MAO'S FORMER WIFE YANG KAI-HUI.

2. IN A SEPARATE REPORT, THE BRITISH WERE INFORMED BY A MEMBER OF THE INDIAN EMBASSY THAT PRO-CHOU WREATHS WERE LAID IN CANTON, NANKING, CHENGCHOU, TAIYUN (SIC) AND NANCHANG. THIS IS THE FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF CEREMONIES FOR CHOU BEING HELD IN THE LATTER THREE PROVINCIAL CAPITALS.
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